

The Washington Post

Prices may vary in areas outside metropolitan Washington.

SU V1 V2 V3 V4

Partly sunny 46/31 • Tomorrow: Rain 48/27 **B8** Democracy Dies in Darkness TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2018 • **\$2**



PHOTOS BY DIEGO IBARRA SÁNCHEZ/MEMO/FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

Frozen on a snowy mountain

The fate of 15 Syrians who died trying to reach Lebanon marks another sad milestone in the war

BY LIZ SLY AND SUZAN HAIDAMOUS
IN CHTAURA, LEBANON

The mountain range that forms a natural boundary between Syria and Lebanon has long served also as a wartime conduit for people who cannot travel legally — the gunrunners, the rebels, the dissidents and the ordinary citizens who just want to escape. On one night last month, it became a death trap. A storm whipped up at the

moment a group of about 70 Syrian refugees was climbing over the mountain to try to reach Lebanon.

In the darkness, wind and snow, they began to falter. The elderly fell behind. Children tripped. Men slipped. Unable to see their guide, the refugees became lost and scattered.

One small group became so tired that they decided to lie down on the cold, hard ground and go to sleep.

By daybreak, 15 people had frozen to

death, a sad new milestone in the tragedy of Syria's seven-year-old war. Refugees have drowned trying to reach Europe and are regularly shot on the Turkish border. But this was the first known instance of a group dying of cold, according to the United Nations refugee agency and Lebanese authorities.

It was also a reminder of the continued desperate efforts of Syrians to escape the fighting, even as the world closes its doors.

REFUGEES CONTINUED ON A8

Clockwise from top left: Shihab al-Abed is one of the survivors of a group that crossed the mountains between Syria and Lebanon. He set out with more than a dozen family members, but six died after a snowstorm hit. Abed's daughter Amal holds her daughter, Goufran. Her 1-year-old son, Yasser, died. Mohammed, 11, survived, as did Abir, holding Beshayer, who suffered frostbite.

Her penance, after trying to disrupt the Olympics

BY CHICO HARLAN

DAEGU, SOUTH KOREA — Until recently, she could often go full days without reminders of what happened. She preferred it that way. The event was so long ago. It was so terrible. She'd been pardoned for her crimes, and she'd tried to build a new version of her life. She got married. She raised two children. She attended church. She went on hikes — relaxing ones, short ones, nothing like the mandatory 60-mile treks she'd taken when training as a spy.

But now, the reminders of what Kim Hyon-hui once did again seem to be everywhere. South Korea is hosting the Winter Olympics this month, and even seeing the Olympic rings gives her flashbacks to 30 years ago, the other time this country was preparing to host the

BOMBER CONTINUED ON A9

In Philadelphia, there's catharsis amid some chaos

Celebration of Eagles' first Super Bowl victory features tears of joy, chants and downed light poles

BY DAVE SHEININ

PHILADELPHIA — Philadelphia Eagles fans awoke Monday to sunshine and cold, nursing foggy brains that might still be trying to piece together the new reality confronting them. Along Broad Street, city sanitation workers had done such a stellar job of cleanup overnight, it might make one wonder: Was Sunday night real? Did the Eagles really win the Super Bowl? Did the raucous celebration, the tangle of overjoyed humanity — and the inevitable pockets of debauchery — really happen?

You could tune in to 94WIP Sports Radio, or glance at the cover of the Philadelphia Inquirer ("AT LAST!"), and hear or see that it was all true. Or you could walk out to Broad, run your finger along a light pole, note the coating of hydraulic fluid still present — and feel it: For Eagles fans, the world

EAGLES CONTINUED ON A5

What now for Foles? Super Bowl MVP faces an uncertain future. **D1**



JULIO CORTEZ/ASSOCIATED PRESS

Eagles tight end Zach Ertz hoists the Vince Lombardi Trophy on Monday as fans gathered to welcome the team home to Philadelphia after Sunday night's 41-33 triumph over the Patriots.

Panel votes to release rebuttal of GOP memo

BY KAROUN DEMIRJIAN
AND DEVLIN BARRETT

The House Intelligence Committee voted unanimously Monday to release a Democratic rebuttal to GOP accusations that the FBI misled a secret surveillance court. President Trump now has five days to decide whether the information will become public.

The vote means the political rancor roiling Congress is likely to continue. Each party has accused the other of misrepresenting sensitive intelligence surrounding the ongoing probe into whether any Trump associates coordinated with Russia to interfere in the 2016 presidential election.

The panel's senior Democrat, Rep. Adam B. Schiff (Calif.), announced the vote results, saying Republican attacks on the Justice Department and the FBI show desperation on the part of the

MEMO CONTINUED ON A4

IN THE NEWS



JOURNALIST ROKHAYA DIALLO. JAH CHIKWENDU/THE WASHINGTON POST

Seeing color A black feminist is under fire for writing about structural racism in France, which officially eschews the concept. **A6**

Boost for Pa. Democrats The Supreme Court rejected a GOP push to delay the redrawing of congressional districts until after 2018. **A4**

THE NATION
President Trump blasted a Senate proposal on border security and the status of young immigrants as a "waste of time" because it doesn't address spending for a U.S.-Mexico border wall. **A2**
The engineer in the South Carolina Amtrak crash sounded the horn and hit the emergency brake before impact, investigators said. **A3**
Defense Secretary Jim Mattis had doubts about revamping the U.S. nuclear arsenal at the start of his tenure, but now fully supports it. **A13**

THE WORLD
The Maldives government declared a 15-day state of emergency as a political crisis deepened in the Indian Ocean nation. **A6**
Russian and Syrian warplanes hit hospitals and an apartment building in rebel-held areas of Syria's Idlib province, and may also have used chlorine gas, residents and activists said. **A8**
A suspect in the Paris attacks that killed 130 people in 2015 went on trial in Brussels. **A9**

THE ECONOMY
The Hollywood man-

ager who helped propel Halle Berry to stardom has closed his agency amid accusations of sexual harassment. **A10**
Samsung's de facto chief was released from prison a few months into a five-year sentence for bribery, embezzlement and perjury. **A11**

THE REGION
Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam and Attorney General Mark Herring differ on a bill to regulate electric utility rates. **B1**
The Metro Safety Commission is moving toward federal certification after a lengthy legislative and appointment process. **B1**
A court challenge says

Maryland is improperly denying the possibility of parole to offenders sentenced to life terms for crimes committed while they were minors. **B1**
D.C. officials voiced concern about the unexplained ouster of a government-transparency watchdog who said she faced friction on enforcing some D.C. laws. **B1**
Virginia lawmakers advanced a bill that would allow prosecutors to charge "sexting" among minors as a misdemeanor. **B5**

STYLE
The musical "In the Heights" led the Helen Hayes Awards nominations with 10 nods. **C3**

INSIDE



HEALTH & SCIENCE
Staying buoyant It's one thing to stay resilient at work. What about home life? **E1**

STYLE
Art of a revolution A traveling U.K. exhibit is a brilliant look at the Black Power movement. **C1**

BUSINESS NEWS.....A10
COMICS.....C6
OPINION PAGES.....A14
LOTTERIES.....B3
OBITUARIES.....B6
TELEVISION.....C4
WORLD NEWS.....A6

PostPoints
DAILY CODE, DETAILS, B2
5 3 2 9

CONTENT © 2018
The Washington Post / Year 141, No. 63

